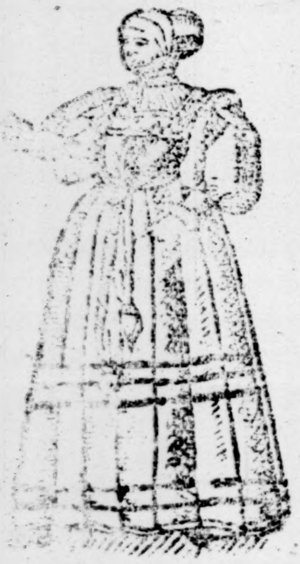
The Cucking of a Scould. *To the tune of, The Merchant of Emden.*



A Wedded wife there was,
[illegible] of yeeres but yong,
[illegible] ſhe wanted wit,
[illegible] ſhe lackt no tongue.
[illegible] yeeres of age,
[illegible] was no more,
[illegible] would ſcold with any one,
From fifty to threeſcore.
The cucking of a Scold,
The cucking of a Scold,
Which if you will but ſtay to heare
The cucking of a Scold
[illegible] an Ele,
[illegible] tongue did wag,
[illegible] ſhall haue it runne,
[illegible] day.
[illegible] wrong,
[illegible] her ſkill.
[illegible] once
[illegible]
The cucking &c.
[illegible] know.
[illegible] begun
[illegible] life,
[illegible] would haue done.
[illegible] a famous Scould,
[illegible] Scould to gaine,
[illegible] Scould was neuer bred
[illegible] Turne-gaine Lane,
The cucking &c.
Vpon a time it chanc'd,
And [illegible] thus alleage,
A [illegible] made [illegible] taken halfe
[illegible] from the bridge:
For [illegible] great treſpaſſe done,
[illegible] for to requite,
[illegible] very handſomely,
[illegible] whole night.
The cucking &c.
[illegible] did moleſt
[illegible] round about:
But [illegible] nothing to the fits
[illegible] would thunder out.
But once, the truth to tell,
Worſe ſcolding did ſhe kéepe,
For waking of her little Dog,
That in the Sun did ſléepe.
The cucking &c.
Six winter dayes together,
From morning eight a clocke,
Vntill the euening that each one
Their doores began to lock:
She ſcolded for this wrong,
Which ſhe accounted great,
And vnto peace and quietneſſe
No man could her intreat.
The cucking &c.
So that this little Deuill,
With her vnquiet tongue,
Continually both far and néere,
Moleſted old and yong.
But yet ſoone after this,
She made a greater brawle,
Againſt the Conſtable, that did
But piſſe againſt her wall.
The cucking, &c.
She call'd him beaſtly knaue,
And filthy Jacke for this,
And ſaid that euery Cuckold now
Againſt her wall muſt piſſe:
And in moſt raging ſort,
She rail'd at him ſo long,
He made a vow he would reuenge
This moſt outragious wrong.
The cucking &c
And firſt of all [illegible],
He clapt her in the Cage, (tongue,
Thinking thereby her deuilliſh
He would full well aſſwage.
But now worſe then before,
She did to brawling fall.
The Conſtable and all the reſt
She vildly did miſcall.
The cucking, &c.
Thus night and day ſhe ſent
Such brawlings from her breſt,
That not a neighbour in the towne
Could take one houres reſt.
Which when the Juſtice knew,
This Judgement than gaue he,
That ſhe vpon a cucking ſtoole
Should juſtly puniſht be.
The cucking, &c.
Vpon three market dayes,
This penance ſhe ſhould bide,
And euery thing fit for the ſame
The Officers did prouide:
A hundred Archers good,
Did firſt before her goe,
A hundred and fiue nimble ſhot
Went next vnto the Rée.
The cucking &c.
An hundred armed men
Did alſo follow there: ([illegible] in
The which did guard the gallant
With piercing Pikes and Speares:
And trumpets ſounding ſwéet.
In order with them comes
A company moſt orderly,
With pleaſant Fifes and Drums.
The cucking &c.
And forty Parrats then,
On ſundry pearches tie,
Were carried eke before the Scould
Moſt fine and orderly
And laſt of all a mighty wiſpe
Was borne before her face,
The perfect token of a Scould
Well knowne in euery place.
The cucking, &c.
Then was the Scould her ſelfe,
In a wheele-barrow brought,
Stripped naked to the ſmocke,
As in that caſe ſhe ought:
Neats tongues about her necke
Were hung to open ſhew;
And thus vnto the cucking ſtoole
This famous Scould did goe.
The cucking, &c.
Then faſt within the chaire
She was moſt ſurely bound,
Which made her ſcold exceſſiuely,
And ſaid ſhe ſhould be drown'd.
But euery time that ſhe
Was in the water dipt, (drums
The drums & trumpets ſounded,
For joy the people ſkipt.
The cucking, &c.
S[illegible] when ſhe was duckt
Within the water cleare.
That like vnto a drowned Rat,
She did in ſight appeare.
The Juſtice thinking then
To ſend her ſtraight away,
The Conſtable ſhe called knaue,
And knau'd him all the day.
The cucking &c.
Vpon which words, I wot,
They duckt her ſtraight againe
A dozen times ore head and eares:
Yet ſhe would not refraine,
But ſtill reuil'd them all.
A[illegible] to't againe they goe,
Till ſhe at laſt held vp her hands,
Saying, Ile no more doe ſo.
The cucking &c.
Then was ſhe brought away,
And after for her life,
She neuer would begin to ſcould
With either man or wife.
And if that euery Scould
Might haue ſo good a dyet,
Then ſhould their neighbours eue
Be ſure to liue in quiet, (ry day
The cucking of a Scould,
The cucking of a Scould
Which if you will but ſtay to heare
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[illegible] with wrong,
[illegible] her ſkill.
[illegible] meanes once
[illegible] to ill.
The cucking &c.
[illegible] quick I know,
[illegible] began
[illegible] tell you of the life,
[illegible] would haue done.
[illegible] a famous Scould,
[illegible] Scould to graine,
[illegible] er Scould was neuer bred
[illegible] Torne-gaine Lane,
The cucking &c.
Upon a time it chanc'd,
And ſhe did thus alledge,
[illegible] houre maid had taken halfe
[illegible] ot from the hedge:
For [illegible] great treſpaſſe done,
[illegible] to requite,
She ſcolded very handſomely,
[illegible] one whole night.
The cucking &c.
W[illegible] did moleſt
The [illegible] round about:
But [illegible] nothing to the fits
That ſhe would thunder out.

But once, the truth to tell,
Worſe ſcolding did ſhe keepe,
For waking of her little Dog,
That in the Sun did ſleepe.
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Six winter dayes together,
From morning eight a clocke,
Untill the euening that each one
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She ſcolded for this wrong,
Which ſhe accounted great,
And unto peace and quietneſſe
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So that this little Deuill,
With her unquiet tongue,
Continually both far and neere,
Moleſted old and yong.
But yet ſoone after this,
She made a greater brawle,
Against the Conſtable, that did
But piſſe against her wall.
The cucking, &c.
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